(e) what action Central Government have taken on NPC reports and to what extent Government have accepted the recommendations of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (e) All the 8 reports of the National Police Commission were studied in detail both by the Central Government and the State Governments. 'Police' being a State subject, the implementation of the recommendations concerning the State Governments primarily vest with them.

A few areas in these reports which concern the Central Governments have also been identified and action/decisions on most of such recommendations taken to the extent possible.

Nexus with golden triangle

2955. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which published in the 'Indian Express', of 24th-25th July, 1994 on front page titled as "Near the golden Triangle, a vicious circle";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that recent BSF report to the Home Ministry has informed that the drug cartels of Medellin and Cali in Colambia have established a nexus with Golden Triangle drug lords Myanmar insurgent Chief and Indian insurgent leaders for trafficking drugs to western countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India and Myanmar have signed an Agreement for reducing demand and prevent illicit trafficking in narco-drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters in March, 1993. Further both the countries have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on cooperation between civilian border authorities of the two countries. Under the MOU the two countries have agreed to take all necessary measures to maintain peace and tranquility all along the border and to strengthen mutual cooperation in curbing negative activities including drug trafficking.

(c) No. Sir.

Atrocities against SCs/STs and women

2956. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of incidents of atrocities against scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and backward classes and women including killings, rapes and parading naked that have come to Government's notice during the past six months;

(b) how do they compare with such incidents for the preceding two spans of six months each; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to protect these weaker sections against atrocities and action taken against the culprits, including the concerned authorities for failing to protect them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Statements (I-IX) showing category-wise incidents of crimes committed against scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and women during the current year for the available months and comparative figures for six months (January to June, 1993 and July to December, 1993) are attached as annexure [*See* Appendix V, Annexure 48]

During this period only 2 cases of disrobing/parading of women came to the notice of the Government one relates to the disrobing of Smt. Usha Rani w/o Shri

Ram Kishan, r/o Village Nayagaon, PS Rampur District Saharanpur on 26.5.93 while the other relates to the naked parading of Smt. Shivpatia w/o Moti Lal of Village Dhauna, P.S. Ghoorpur, District Allahabad on 21.1.94.

(c) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects. It is, therefore, for the State Governments/Union Territories to take necessary steps to protect these weaker sections. The action against culprits and the erring officials for failing to protect these weaker sections also comes within their jurisdiction.

The Government of India has, however, from time to time drawn the attention of the State Governments to the problem of ensuring protection to the weaker sections including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and women. Guidelines have been issued to all State Governments, Union Territories detailing the preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to be taken to check atrocities against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. Besides, Central Government is also closely monitoring trends in such atrocities and accordingly the concerned States/Union Territories are advised from time to time to take necessary preventive measures. The State Governments are also advised to enforce legislation strictly and to strengthen the machinery for such enforcement.

Suggestions made by Vigil India Movement

2957. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a year-long workshop conducted recently by a Bangalore based organisation—'Vigil India Movement', concern had been expressed over the lack of decentralisation of power under the federal system in India and it had been proposed to amend the Constitution for the purpose;

(b) if so, what precise suggestions were made by them; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A delegation of Vigil India Movement had presented a report to the President on 20th Nov. 1993 expressing concern over lack of decentralisation of power under the federal system and also made suggestions for amendment in the Constitution. The Sarkaria Commission on centre-State Relations has already gone into the entire gamut of Centre-State Relations. The Commission has affirmed that the working of the Constitution all these years has demonstrated that its scheme and provisions are basically sound and that no structural changes are called for. The Commission has however made a few recommendations in respect of functional or operational aspect without affecting the structure to ensure and harmonious working of the Centre-State arrangements. The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission have been referred to the Inter-State Council.

Invitation To NRIs for Investment in Jammu and Kashmir

2958. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to provide a balanced economic development of the strife torn State of Jammu and Kashmir, Government have decided to invite NRIs to settle, invest and set up industries and trade in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the NRIs' response thereto; and

(d) what is the response of different sections of the people of Kashmir to this move?